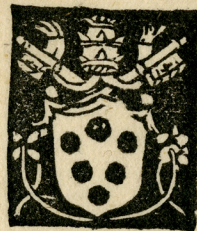




INDVLGENCIA PLENARIA



Sanctissimus in xpo pater ⁊ dominus noster. d.

Leo diuina prouidētia papa decimus omnibus & singulis utriusq; sexus xpi fidelibus uilitatibus ecclesiam.

A primis ueperis dominice precedentis i mediate festum assensionis usq; ad occasū solis ipsius dominice Et a primis uesperis uigilie. Assensionis dñi q; sūt uesperī diei mercurii aīe festū. Assensionis usq; ad occasum solis ipsius festiuitatis & manus adiutrices porrigentibus pro fabrica ecclesie & conuentus. Sancte marie. Gorgone sacri ordis. Carmelitaz. Cōcessit plenariā Indulgentiam pene & culpe: Tam pro defunctis. quam pro uiuis:

Pro contritis licet non confessis habentibus tamen propositum cōfitendi In quadragesima: Etiam. pro absentibus.

Com absolute & p mutatione omīum uotorū ut i breui cōtinetur

Et com absolute omnium criminum & excessuum.

Et a chasibus etiā sedi apostolice reseruatis pterquā i cena domini memoratis cō depuataci one confessorum ad libitum Cōmissariorum et sub delegatorū pro ut i breui cōtinetur

Com potestate substituēdi que omnia latissime in copia breuis apostolici uideri possunt que in manibus. Reuerendi. Domini uicariū siue p̄lati. Relicta est:

Translation

Plenary Indulgence

Pope Leo X, our most holy father and lord in Christ, grants by divine providence to each and everyone one of both sexes of the faithful in Christ who visit the church,

From the evening of the first Sunday immediately proceeding the feast of Ascension up to the sunset of the Sunday itself, and from the first vespers of the vigil of the Ascension, that is the vespers of the Wednesday before the feast of the Ascension, up to the evening of the festivities, for those lending helping hands to the builders of the church and convent of Saint Mary of the sacred Carmelite order in Gorgona. The plenary indulgence removes punishment and guilt: both on behalf of the dead and on behalf of the living:

It is valid for those who are contrite and for those who have not made a confession and yet have the intention of confessing, and also for those absent

For absolution and for the exchange of all vows, if given in writing.

And for absolution from all crimes and excesses.

And also for failings and for which the apostolic seat has withheld the observance of the Lord's Supper with the appointment of confessions, at the pleasure of the commissary and the delegation, if given in writing.

With the power of substitution regarding all things most comprehensively that can be seen in the copy of the apostolic brief, which are left in the power of the Lord's reverent vicar or prelate.

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Description

This papal plenary indulgence, printed ca. 1515-1520, was issued in the name of Pope Leo X (1475-1521) to raise funds for work on the construction of a church and Carmelite convent (Santa Maria) on the island of Gorgona off the Tuscan coast. It was the sale of indulgences that had prompted Martin Luther to post his 95 Theses, which is generally seen as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Giacomo Mazzocchi, the printer of this indulgence used the same types in 1520 for the printing of Pope Leo's bull *Exsurge Domine*, which called on Luther to retract 41 of his 95 theses or face excommunication.

(Richard C. Kessler Reformation Collection, MSS 445)



Small woodcut depicting the Virgin and Child with Saint Anne (Mary's mother), a popular subject in late medieval paintings and sculptures.



The papal arms of Leo X, including the triple-tiered papal crown, the crossed keys of Peter, and Leo's own family crest (Medici).

